

Atty. Dkt. No. 200400096-1

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2005.
Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

I. Claim Rejections

Paragraph 1 of the Office Action rejected claims 4 and 15. By this paper, claims 4 and 15 are cancelled, thus rendering moot these rejections.

II. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge allowance of claims 1-3, 5-14, and 16-25.

III. Conclusion

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

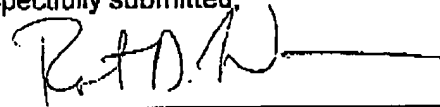
Respectfully submitted,

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